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In re Patent Application of:
Royce Johnson

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For: NEGATIVE PRESSURE WOUND
THERAPY SYSTEM WITH PROVISION
FOR INTRODUCTION OF AN AGENT

Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114(c), accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (37 CFR 1.114) submitted herewith.

Applicant notes that the present application contains related subject matter to U.S. Application No. 11/497,457 filed August 1, 2006; U.S. Application No. 11/189,195 filed July 26, 2005 and U.S. Application No. 11/494,171 filed July 26, 2006.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 19-3140, under Order No. 11000044-0033.

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